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FOUR CO-DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY IN METH CONSPIRACY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that four co-defendants pleaded guilty in federal court to their role in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Philip D. Myers, 32, who has no permanent address, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge James C. England this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Myers** admitted that he conspired with others to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between June 2003 and Oct. 17, 2004, in Greene, Stone and Taney counties of Missouri.

Three other co-defendants also have pleaded guilty this week to their role in the methamphetamine conspiracy, Graves said.

April D. Abbott, 37, of Hollister, Mo., and **Kelly R. Flow**, 25, and **Lisa R. Miller**, 38, both of Rockaway Beach, Mo., pleaded guilty to their roles in the conspiracy on July 12, 13 and 14, 2005, respectively.

By pleading guilty, **Miller** admitted that law enforcement officers seized more than 150 grams of methamphetamine during her participation in the conspiracy. **Miller** admitted that she would purchase the methamphetamine and redistribute it to others, Graves said.

Flow and **Abbott** admitted that the amount of methamphetamine seized during their participation in the conspiracy exceeded 500 grams. The co-defendants admitted that they would receive the methamphetamine from a co-conspirator and then redistribute it in Branson, Mo.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, each of the co-defendants may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in prison without parole, plus fines up to \$4 million. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the

completion of presentence investigations by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly R. Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Greene County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and COMET (the Combined Ozarks Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Team).

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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